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TAGS: ETRD, CH, CZ

SUBJ: SINO-CZECH TRADE

REF: 75 PEKING 2452

1. CZECH COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR CHLAPIK BRIEFED USLO ON SINO-CZECH TRADE IN 1976. TOTAL VALUE OF CONTRACTS SIGNED LAST YEAR WAS 349 MILLION SWISS FRANCS (ABOUT \$142 MILLION), VERY CLOSE TO THE LEVEL OF TRADE IN 1975 AND WELL UNDER THE SFR 411 MILLION PROVIDED FOR UNDER THE 1976 AGREEMENT. CHLAPIK NOTED THAT THIS SHORTFALL REFLECTED NOT DIFFICULTIES IN CONCLUDING CONTRACTS BUT RATHER PRICE REDUCTIONS BY THE PRC, IN RICE, AND BY CZECHOSLOVAKIA, IN STEEL. THE VOLUME OF GOODS EXCHANGED WAS VERY CLOSE TO THE AMOUNTS FORESEEN IN THE AGREEMENT.

2. PRINCIPAL EXPORT ITEMS FOR CZECHOSLOVAKIA WERE TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT (SFR 75 MILLION), IRON AND STEEL (SFR 55 MILLION), METALWORKING MACHINERY (SFR 18 MILLION), AND POWER GENERATING MACHINERY - OTHER THAN ELECTRIC - (SFR 30 MILLION). PRINCIPAL IMPORT ITEMS WERE RICE (SFR 55 MILLION), MEAT (SFR 22 MILLION),  
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NON-FERROUS METALS (SFR 15 MILLION), AND MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED GOODS SUCH AS OFFICE SUPPLIES, SPORTING GOODS, ETC. (SFR 17 MILLION). RATHER TO THEIR SURPRISE, THE CZECHS RECEIVED MEAT, WHICH THE PRC HAS BEEN UNABLE TO DELIVER TO OTHER TRADING PARTNERS.

3. THE CZECHS STILL DO NOT HAVE A FIRM DATE FOR THEIR TALKS

ON AN AGREEMENT FOR 1977, BUT HOPE TO BEGIN BY THE FIRST OF  
MARCH IN PRAGUE. CHLAPIK DOES NOT INTEND TO RETURN FOR THE  
TALKS.

4. LIST OF MAJOR TRADE ITEMS POUCHED SEPARATELY.  
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